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MAYOR GARCETTI NOMINATES TED ROSS FOR GENERAL MANAGER OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY AND CITYWIDE CIO

LOS ANGELES-- Mayor Eric Garcetti today nominated Interim General Manager Ted Ross to serve as the General Manager of the Information Technology Agency (ITA) and Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the City of Los Angeles. In this role, Ross will direct the City's more than 460-person technology agency to harness the power of technology in order to achieve Mayor Garcetti's goals of innovation, transparency, and efficiency across all aspects of city government.

"Technology is at the core of my work to transform Los Angeles into the model modern city, and I know Ted Ross has the vision and experience necessary to help me get there," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "His track record of proven leadership on initiatives like my Open Data Portal has helped make L.A. the #1 Digital City in the nation and will be key to achieving my goal of bridging the digital divide to bring internet and opportunity to Angelenos, regardless of their neighborhood or background."

Ross, a native of Los Angeles, has worked for the City since 2004, most recently serving as Assistant General Manager for ITA and in IT leadership roles under City Controllers Laura Chick and Wendy Greuel and at the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA). Ross has had key roles in replacing the City's Financial Management System, instituting the Mayor's Open Data Portal, and has been a major contributor to the City's recent technology awards, including:

- 1st Place Digital City (Government Technology Magazine)
- 1st Place Open Data City (Code for America & Sunlight Foundation)
- 2nd Place Best of the Web (Government Technology Magazine)

- StateScoop 50 Project Winner (Drupal Project for LACity.org and other city websites)

"Technology plays a fundamental role in improving City services and giving residents access to their government. By harnessing the power of technology, the City is able to operate more efficiently, with less waste, while promoting sustainability and resiliency," said Ross. "As General Manager and CIO, I am working with the private sector and other government agencies to transform the ITA into a diverse, best-in-class technology department capable of delivering the responsive, responsible, and excellent IT expected from a leading global city."

The ITA provides citywide systems, voice and data communications, a 24/7 data center, and the City's public safety infrastructure, including Police & Fire radio communication systems on vehicles and helicopters. This includes the City's award winning website (www.lacity.org), a new global navigation bar across all City websites, and the recently Emmy-nominated Channel 35 TV station. The ITA is a key player in the Mayor's initiatives on cyber security, sustainability, open data, cloud computing, and developing an effective mobile workforce.

Today, the ITA is leading City efforts to improve broadband internet across Los Angeles through the CityLinkLA initiative. This initiative leverages the power of City infrastructure to support tomorrow's high-speed Internet connectivity, made possible by a new, streamlined permitting process for major telecommunications projects.

Ross's nomination is subject to confirmation by the City Council. As the GM and CIO of ITA Ross will join the City's technology leadership team of Peter Marx, Chief Technology Officer; Abhi Nemani, Chief Data Officer; Maggie Goodrich, CIO, Public Safety; Matt Lampe, CIO, LADWP; Lance Kaneshiro, CIO, Port of Los Angeles; and Dominic Nessi, CIO, LA World Airports.

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